are also watching the resolution passed by the Foreign Operations Sub-Committee of the House Appropriation Committee after it has come to light that the US Export Control Regulations were violated by a Pakistani national and his possible links with the Pakistan Government, and this committee has recommended to the main Committee that the aid package should be frozen till mid-January on this account. I am told that the Committee is yet to consider this recommendation. We are watching all these developments and we shall have to keep reviewing this in order to fashion out our response.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

विदेशी मुद्राओं की तुलना में रुपये का अवमूल्यन

*241. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत तीन वर्षों में विदेशी मुद्राओं की तुलना में भारतीय रुपए का अवमूल्यन हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उपयुक्त को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए उसी अवधि में भारतीय विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार में भी कमी आई है ; **और**

(ग) उसी अवधि में भारतीय विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में व्यय विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० के० गढ़वी) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मुख्य-मुख्य अन्त र्राष्ट्रीय करेंसियों के मुकाबले रुपए का औसत मूल्य इस प्रकार था :--

विदेशी मुद्रा की प्रति इकाई के मुकाबले रुपये का मूल्य	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
	रुपये	रुपये	रुपये
एक संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिकी डालर	11.89	12.23	12.79
एक पौंड	14.87	16.85	19.01
एक डयुश मार्क	3.98	4.56	6.29
एक जापानी येन	0.05	0.06	0.08
एक फ्रैंच फ्रांक	1.30	1.49	1.93
एक स्विस फ्रांक	4.78	5.47	7.61
एक कनाडी डालर	9.01	8.89	9.31
एक आस्ट्रेलियाई डालर	9.89	8.44	8.49

रुपए की विदेशी मुद्रा दर उन करेंसियों की भारित डाली के मूल्य के संदर्भ में निर्धारित की जाती है जो भारत के साथ प्रमुख रूप से व्यपार में भागीदार देश हैं। इस प्रकार अन्य करेंसियों के मुकाबले रुपये की विनिमय दर में होने वाले परिवर्तन उन करेंसियों के मूल्य में होने वाली घटबढ़ पर निर्भर करते हैं जो कि डाली के अंग हैं। परिवर्तनशील विदेशी मुद्रा दरों के युग में विदेशी मुद्रा समता दरों में ऐसे परिवर्तन होना कोई असामान्य बात नहीं है।

(ख) और (ग) 1983-84 से 1986-87 तक वर्षों में विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार की स्थिति (सोने और विशेष आहरण अधिकारों को छोड़कर) इस प्रकार थी :—

तारीख	(करोड़ रुपये)
31-3-1984	5497.85
31-3-1985	6816.78
31-3-1986	7384.35
31-3-1987	7645.17

Reduction of basic duty of PTA and DMT

*246. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to to state :

(a) whether any notification has been issued dated 7th May, 1987 to reduce basic duty of PTA and DMT by Rs. 3|- per Kg.;

(b) whether Government have considered that there are wide protests from the small-scale weaving factories which produce synthetic cloth for exports as the polyester|synthetic yarn manufacturers have increased the prices of their products in excess of those recommended by the Bureau of Costs; and

(c) the companies which are going to be benefited by this reduction and to what extent and whether there is any stipulation that these producers must supply their product to the small-scale sector at the price recommended by the Bureau of Costs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. The import duty on DMT and PTA which are both raw materials for manufacture of polyester fibre|yarn was reduced by Rs. 3 per Kg. w.e.f. 7-5-87 so as to make these raw materials available more or less at par with indigenous DMT.

(b) and (c) Representations have been received by the Government from the polyester fibre|yarn user industry alleging increase in prices of these products. The Government have directed the BICP to conduct a study on the cost of production of synthetic yarn and fibres including polyester fibre|yarn and to determine the fair selling prices of these products. The BICP report in this regard is awaited.

Selection of Sponsored Serials|Films

*247. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received complaints about malpractices in the selection of sponsored serials and feature films on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to check such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Selection of TV serials and feature films on Doordarshan has evoked appreciative as well as occasionally critical reactions from viewers. However, no specific complaint substantiating any allegation has been brought to the notice of the Government.